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## ARMED NEUTRALITY MEASURE FAILS

### 12 Senators Defied Will of Majority in Congress and Denied President Power to Arm American Merchant Ships to Meet German Submarine Crisis—Manifesto Places Blame.

Washington Dispatch, March 4.

Twelve senators, led by Senator LaFollette and encouraged by Senator Stone, Democratic chairman of the foreign relations committee, in a filibuster denounced by President Wilson's spokesman as the most reprehensible in the history of any civilized nation, defied the will of an overwhelming majority in Congress up to the last minute today and denied to the President a law authorizing him to arm American merchant ships to meet the German submarine menace.

Unyielding throughout 26 hours of continuous session to appeals that their defiance of the President would be humiliating to the country; uncompromising in a crisis described to them as the most serious to the nation since the War Between the States, LaFollette and his group of supporters refused a majority of their colleagues an opportunity to vote on the armed neutrality bill and it died with the Sixty-fourth Congress.

To fix responsibility before the country, 76 senators, 30 Republicans and 46 Democrats, signed a manifesto proclaiming to the world that they favored passage of the measure.

This declaration, embodied in the record of the Senate, referred to the fact that the House Tuesday night had passed a similar bill by a vote of 403 to 13, and also recited that the Senate rule permitting unlimited debate gave a small minority opportunity to throttle the will of the majority. The text of the manifesto is as follows:

"The majority of United States senators favored the passage of the Senate bill authorizing the President of the United States to arm American merchant vessels, a similar bill having already passed the House by a vote of 403 to 13.

"Under the rules of the Senate allowing debate, it appears to be impossible to obtain a vote previous to noon, March 4, 1917, when this session of Congress expires. We desire the statement entered upon the record to establish the fact that the Senate favored the legislation and would pass it if a vote could be obtained."

Thirteen senators declined to sign the declaration, but one senator, Penrose, Republican, of Pennsylvania, announced that he would have voted for the bill had opportunity been offered him. The 12 who went on record with the 13 members of the House against granting to President Wilson the authority in the crisis were:

**Those Who Filibustered.**  
Republicans—Clapp, Minnesota; Cummings, Iowa; Gronna, North Dakota; Kenyon, Iowa; LaFollette, Wisconsin; Norris, Nebraska; Works, California—7.

**Democrats—Kirby, Arkansas; Lane, Oregon; O'Gorman, New York; Stone, Missouri; Vandaman, Mississippi—5.**

Associated with them in opposition to the armed neutrality bill were the following 13 representatives who voted against the House bill Thursday night:

Republicans—Benedict, California; Cary, Wisconsin; Cooper, Wisconsin; Davis, Minnesota; Helgesen, North Dakota; Lindbergh, Minnesota; Nelson, Wisconsin; Stafford, Wisconsin; Wilson, Illinois—9.

**Democrats—Decker, Missouri; Shackelford, Missouri; Sherwood, Ohio—3.**

**Socialist—London, New York.**

**Members Signing Manifesto.**  
The 76 senators who signed the manifesto were:

**Democrats—Ashurst, Bankhead, Bryan, Beckham, Broussard, Chamberlain, Chilton, Fletcher, Hardwick, Hitchcock, Hollis, Hughes, Hustings, James, Johnson of South Dakota;**

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## SUPERIOR COURT

### 2-Weeks' Term Closed After 5 Days

—Will of Late F. L. Floyd Holds—Other Cases

After 5 days the two weeks' term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases came to a close Friday afternoon and Judge Geo. W. Connor left Saturday morning for his home at Wilson.

Only four jury trials were heard after the report of the proceedings published in Thursday's Robesonian was written. These were:

In re will of the late F. L. Floyd. The will in dispute was proved and will hold good.

E. F. Britt vs S. A. L. Ry. Co.; judgment for plaintiff for \$60 for cows killed by a Seaboard train.

Bank of Rowland vs A. C. Johnston; judgment for plaintiff.

D. P. McEachern vs Neill Alford; non suit.

A number of judgments was signed during the term and many cases that had been set for trial were continued.

## MAY VOTE FOR ROAD BOARD

### Amendment to Bond Issue Bill Will Allow People to Vote for Road Commissioners—Chance to Serve by Preventing Pernicious Legislation—Senate Votes to Adjourn Tomorrow Night

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Raleigh, March 4—I will not have time to write you today (Sunday). I have promised to talk to the Sunday school at Selma and will not be back before night.

This has been a busy week, night and day sessions. Some good laws have been passed and, in my humble judgment, some wholly impracticable.

I have received a number of requests that the folks of our county be allowed to vote for road commissioners at the same time they vote on the bond issue. This is entirely satisfactory with myself and both members of the House. We found we could amend our law, allowing this, and have passed an act to this effect.

I find a man can be of as much service to his State preventing the passage of bills as trying to pass untried measures. In last night's session I am glad to say I took the lead in defeating a bill that if passed would have cost the manufacturers of buggies, wagons, etc., hundreds of thousands of dollars, and another bill that would have prevented honest working girls from making their own support; their places where employed would have had to be filled by men and boys.

Wish I had time to write more. Senate passed a resolution to adjourn Tuesday night. I don't think we can get through. I intended going home last night, but a roll call to ascertain who would remain until the fall of the president's gavel was asked by him (President of the Senate). I have not yet learned how to show the "white feather", so I shall, as the servant of my people, remain until we adjourn.

FRANK GOUGH.

## TEACHERS MET SATURDAY

### Many Members of Robeson Teachers' Association Gathered for Meeting—Address by Prof. N. W. Walker—Special Features of the Day

Perhaps never was a more interesting and instructive meeting of the Robeson teachers association held than was the one held here Saturday. In spite of the threatening clouds and bad roads around 150 of the 160 teachers of the county were here for the meeting, which was held in the auditorium of the new high school building.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a. m. by Supt. J. R. Poole. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Moorehouse made an instructive talk on the importance of knowledge and wisdom. He told of men who had knowledge in abundance, but were a failure in life for lack of wisdom. He declared that while knowledge is very essential, wisdom is the principal necessity after all. He declared that people should get all the knowledge possible and then seek wisdom to use it.

After Dr. Moorehouse had finished his splendid address a vocal solo by Miss Marjorie Russell of Lumberton was greatly enjoyed. This was followed by a quartet by Misses Hazel Carlyle, Miriam Weinstein, Margaret Pope and Christine Gower.

The main feature of the meeting was an address by Prof. N. W. Walker, State Inspector of high schools. He was introduced by Supt. R. E. Sentelle of the Lumberton graded and high school.

Before getting to his subject, Prof. Walker took occasion to make some remarks about the high school work in the State. "It was during the year 1907," he said, "that the State Department of Education undertook to furnish high schools for the boys and girls. Before that time there were no high schools for the rank and file of the boys and girls of the State to attend after they finished the elementary work. There are now 213 State high schools in North Carolina and four of these are in Robeson county." He continued: "The Legislature of 1919 will be asked to put upon the statute books the best piece of educational legislation ever adopted by any of the Southern States. This statute will define the work of the high schools and colleges and then the State will only recognize those colleges that accept boys and girls who have completed a 4-year high school course after finishing the elementary, or 7th grade, work."

After these preliminary remarks the speaker began his address on the subject of "Education and Democracy." He said in part: "The biggest business the State is engaged in today and the one that most vitally concerns the nation as a whole is the work of educating the boys and girls. Education has a greater influence for development of all industries of our country than anything else. The great prohibition wave now sweeping the country is largely due to the fact that several years ago the schools began to teach the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human race. Our educational system has been greatly criticized, largely by people who demand quick returns from investments. The demand of many for quick returns is a supreme danger. It causes men to keep from looking far enough ahead. The investment expended upon education is not going to make its

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## METHODIST CHURCH DEDICATED SUNDAY

### Bishop Kilgo Dedicated Chestnut Street Church Yesterday and Preached Two Wonderful Sermons.

#### GREAT DAY FOR METHODISTS

### House Was Filled to Overflowing at Morning Service and Large Crowd Braved Downpour to Hear the Bishop Last Night

Chestnut Street Methodist church was dedicated yesterday morning by Bishop Jno. C. Kilgo at the conclusion of a wonderful sermon in which he held up to scorn and ridicule the new movements that seek to substitute organization and business methods for the true religion of undivided devotion to Jesus Christ, and last evening he preached another wonderful sermon in which with fine sarcasm he blasted the claims of the scientists and universities that civilization depends upon so-called kultur and with stirring eloquence, moving pathos and unanswerable logic proved that leadership always has been with the Church of God and her prophets.

It was the greatest day in the history of Chestnut Street church and a great day for all who were privileged to hear the bishop. At the morning service the church and Sunday school room were filled to overflowing, and in spite of the downpour of rain last evening just at the hour for service, a large congregation gathered.

At the conclusion of the morning sermon the trustees of the church—A. E. White, W. H. Humphrey, C. B. Townsend, N. P. Andrews and G. M. Whitfield—gathered at the chancel rail for the formal service of dedication. Rev. J. H. Hall of Rockingham, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, read the first Scripture lesson, from Gen. 28, verses 10 to 22; Rev. Dr. W. B. North, pastor of the church, read the second lesson, from Heb. 10, verses 12 to 25; Mr. C. B. Townsend read the presentation for the board of trustees, and Bishop Kilgo read the formal acceptance and delivered a few words of earnest counsel to the trustees of the church property. He cautioned them always to remember that it is the house of God, set aside for prayer and worship. Christ drove those who polluted the temple by making it a place for barter and trade by driving them out like dogs. The house of God, he declared, is not the proper place for Christmas trees, or for any other entertainments, right and proper as they may be in the proper place. Protestant children are irreverent, he said, and do not as a rule have the proper reverence for the house of God, differing in this respect from Catholic children, who have such profound reverence for the church that they keep quiet when within its walls, and Catholic churches are left open at all hours and are never desecrated. He charged the trustees to keep the church building for God. The bishop pronounced the solemn sentence of dedication while the congregation stood, after which he led in prayer. The service was closed immediately thereafter with the singing of the doxology.

Services were not held in other churches of the town last evening in order to give their pastors and members opportunity to hear Bishop Kilgo, and though the heavy rain that came at the hour for service kept many away, the body of the church

was comfortably filled. Many attended both services from near-by towns and the country.

Special music was prepared for the occasion and it was superb. The first anthem was "Praise Ye the Lord, Oh Jerusalem", by Maunder, Mrs. Junius J. Goodwin, soloist; second anthem, after the first prayer, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates", by Ashford, Mrs. H. H. Anderson soloist; and as offertory Mrs. B. W. Page, choir leader, sang "The Voice in the Wilderness" (text from Isaiah), by John Prindle Scott. In private conversation after service last evening Bishop Kilgo said that the church was to be congratulated on having such a splendid choir.

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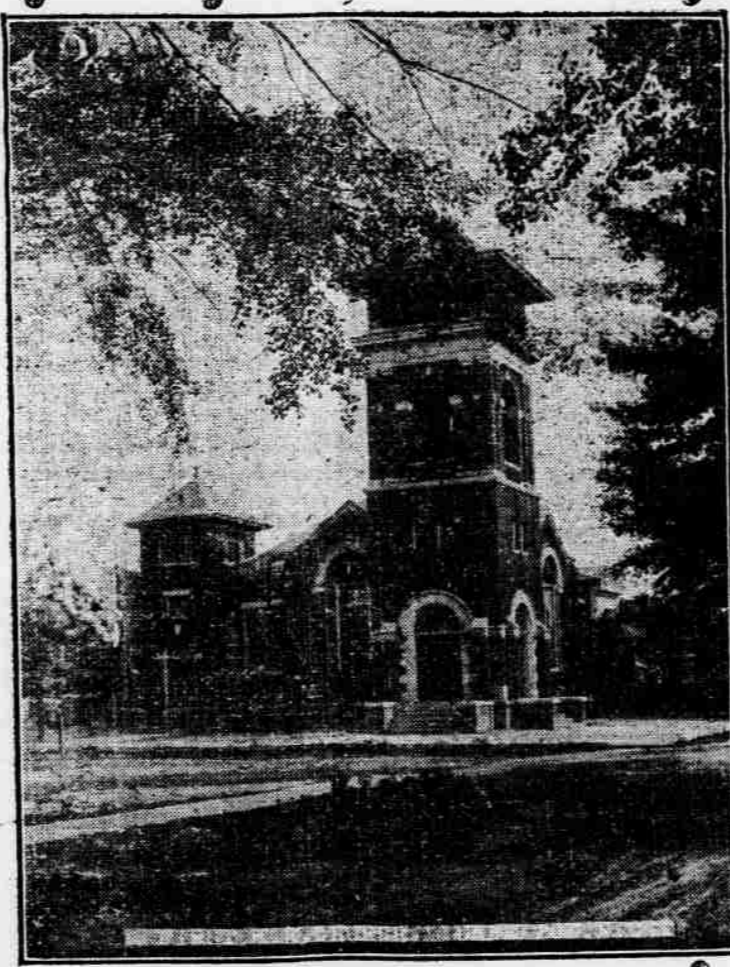
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CHESTNUT STREET METHODIST CHURCH

This church was dedicated yesterday by Bishop Kilgo. It is an attractive modern church building, 85 by 70 feet, built of choice small red brick and red mortar. It has two beautiful towers and four entrances. The floor of the main auditorium is inclined. The walls are ornamented with 37 cathedral glass windows of various sizes and two large double windows. In addition to the main and Sunday school auditoriums and two spacious vestibules, there are

about 17 rooms, well furnished. The building was erected and furnished at a cost of approximately \$25,000. The corner stone was laid in 1911, during the pastorate of Rev. E. M. Hoyle. The building was completed during the 2 years' pastorate of Rev. J. W. Bradley, who succeeded Mr. Hoyle, and the debt on the church was raised some two months ago. Rev. Dr. W. B. North is now serving his fourth year as pastor of this church.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Yesterday was like summer and today feels like winter.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Marvin Arnett and Ila Thompson; Jesse Shepherd and Eliza Ross.

—Mayor A. E. White married a colored couple on the court house square about 3 of the clock yesterday afternoon.

—Sheriff R. E. Lewis has turned the 1916 tax books over to the township collectors and those who have not paid will be looked after at once.

—Mr. Lester B. Townsend has accepted a position in the insurance department of the Planters Bank & Trust Co.

—Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd sold 44 marriage licenses during the month of February, which is considered a good month's matrimonial business for this season.

—The Alfred Rowland chapter of the U. D. C. will meet Saturday afternoon, March 10th, 3:30 with Miss Ruby Thompson. All members are urged to be present.

—"I never saw a town grow like Lumberton has grown during the last few years," was the remark of a Lumberton visitor from another Robeson county town Friday.

—Mr. J. Blacker left yesterday for the North to buy spring stock for the firm of Blacker Bros., Messadems J. and M. Blacker and Master Leonard Blacker accompanied him and will spend two weeks North visiting relatives.

—Miss Lola Mitchell of Baltimore, Md., arrived Saturday night and will be with Miss Amelia Linkhauer as trimmer in the Style shop, the new millinery store opened up by Miss Linkhauer in the McNeill building, Elm street.

—Ex-Senator Geo. B. McLeod returned Saturday night to Washington, D. C., after spending a few days here on business. Mr. McLeod says he is not holding any government position but is in Washington on other business.

—The local Western Union Telegraph Co.'s office here is soon to be remodeled and new fixtures put in. The work is expected to begin about April 1. The office of the Southern Bell Telephone company has already been remodeled and enlarged.

—Mr. M. A. Odum has resigned the position he held at Farmville, Va., and returned last week to the home of his father, Mr. E. Odum, on R. 1 from Buie. He will go the first of April to Atlantic City, where he has accepted a job at bookkeeping.

—Miss Josephine Breece returned Saturday evening from a 2-weeks' trip to Baltimore and New York to purchase millinery for her store on Elm street. Miss Reva Hamilton, who was with Miss Breece last season and who accompanied her to New York, arrive last night.

—Mr. C. W. Smith, who lives on R. 4 from Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Smith says he served four years in the War Between the States and that he would like to go to war again and take a crack at the Germans, whose deeds have aroused his fighting blood.

—Pearl Suggs, colored, who works about the union station, left for parts unknown to the officers here Friday morning after it had been discovered that he had stolen a quart of "old familiar" from the express office. The quart was recovered, but not until Pearl had taken a drink from the bottle.

—Mr. W. H. Kinnlaw received Thursday a check in full for insurance on his cottage in the eastern part of town which was practically destroyed by fire three weeks ago from Mr. S. H. Hamilton, local agent for the Atlas Insurance company of London, England, in which company he carried the insurance.

—Two large dray horses belonging to Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son proceeded to run away early this morning. They started from the Caldwell warehouse on town common and ran all about town. The back wheels of the wagon hitched to them were left on Water street near the jail and the front wheels were left in the cemetery near the union station. The wagon and harness were torn up, but the horses were not hurt. The horses stopped on Chestnut street of their own accord.

—Mr. T. S. Golden, who made Lumberton his home for 2 1/2 years as special agent for the Metropolitan Life of New York, left yesterday morning for Pulaski, Va., where he has been promoted to the superintendency of a district for that company. Mr. Golden made many friends in Lumberton than any other place he leave, though they congratulate him upon this recognition of his worth. Mr. Golden says he would rather live in Lumberton than any other place he ever lived and that only the fact that the new position is a promotio takes him away from this good town.

—There was considerable excitement at the union station this morning when a colored man tried to hold a woman, whom he said was his wife, to keep her from boarding the east-bound Seaboard train. He was holding the woman by force and would have kept her from "getting off" had it not been for the fact that Chief of Police Alf H. McLeod ordered him to turn her loose unless he had the proper papers to hold her. She then boarded the train and left. The husband was very angry and said it was his mother-in-law that caused it all.

## DR. S. B. ROZIER PASSES

### Close of Long and Useful Career—Came at Fayetteville Saturday—For Many Years One of Best Known Physicians of Robeson—Funeral This Morning—Other Deaths

Dr. S. B. Rozier, for 50 years a prominent physician of Robeson county, died at his home, Dick street, Fayetteville, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after 10 days' illness. Deceased is survived by ten children—seven daughters, Mrs. Mollie R. A. Bethune of Lumberton, Mrs. A. A. Rosa Lytch of Rowland, Mrs. Sallie McRae of Washington, D. C., and Misses Dora, Minnie and Fannie, who lived with their father—and three sons, Dr. R. G. Rozier of Lumberton, Mr. S. B. Rozier, Jr., of St. Paul and Mr. J. B. Rozier, who lives at Fayetteville.

The remains were brought to Lumberton this morning and taken to the family burying ground about 4 miles from town on the Maxton road, where a brief funeral service was conducted by Rev. I. P. Hedgcock of Lumberton, pastor of Saddletree Baptist church, of which deceased had long been a loyal member. The pallbearers were: active, Messrs. Q. T. Williams, C. B. Townsend, K. M. Biggs, John T. Biggs, Alf H. McLeod, H. M. McAllister, W. H. Rozier, A. T. McLean; honorary, Messrs. Q. C. Ncrement, T. A. McNeill, Sr., Robert Chaffin, S. McIntyre, R. D. Caldwell and Dr. H. T. Pope. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

Dr. Rozier was in his 93rd year and up until 8 years ago lived about 10 miles north of Lumberton and enjoyed a large practice. Up until the time when he divided his property among his children he was one of the wealthiest citizens of the county. He owned around 5,000 acres of real estate.

Dr. Rozier was widely known in Robeson and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances. He spent the greater part of his life administering to the sick and suffering, and his memory will linger in the minds of those who knew him for years to come.

## Mrs. Tempie Prevatt Passed Yesterday

Mrs. Tempie Prevatt, aged 83 years, died at the home of her son, Mr. J. W. Prevatt, near Smyrna church, with whom she lived, yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Prevatt fell out at the door 3 weeks ago and broke her right leg, which caused her death. The funeral took place today and interment was made in the family burying ground. Deceased was a member of Smyrna Baptist church and was one of the oldest and most liked women in the section where she lived.

## Mr. Asper Walters of Long Branch Section

Mr. Asper Walters of the Long Branch section died yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the Thompson hospital, where a few days ago he underwent a serious operation for stomach trouble. Deceased was about 44 years old and is survived by his wife and seven children. Mr. Walters was a Woodman and a member of the Baptist church. The funeral took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was made in the Lawson burying ground, near Orrum.

## Mr. J. M. Johnston, Father of Editor of Lumberton Tribune, Passed at Clarkton Saturday

Mr. J. M. Johnston died Saturday morning at 6:30 o'clock at his home at Clarkton. Deceased had been sick for several months and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by six children—five girls, Misses Kate, Mary, Margaret and Mattie Lee, all of whom lived with him, and Miss H. A. of Rowland—and one son, Mr.

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